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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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- the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:

pages 1-31 as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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- the claims:

nos. 4-5, 8, 10, 14, 22-23 as originally filed/furnished

nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

nos.* 3, 6-7, 9, 11-13, 19-21, 24-26, 28 received by this Authority on 26.04.2005

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- the drawings:

sheets Fig. 1-15 as originally filed/furnished

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>2-14, 19-26, 28</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>2-14, 19-26</u>	YES
	Claims <u>28</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>2-14, 19-26, 28</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 2002-82082 A (Matsushita Refrigeration Co., Ltd.), 22 March 2002; paragraphs [0003], [0029] and [0055]-[0119]

Document 2: JP 2002-273741 A (Polymatech Co., Ltd.), 25 September 2002; paragraphs [0012] and [0043]-[0058]

Document 3: JP 6-273811 A (Mitsubishi Electric Corp.), 30 September 1994; paragraphs [0011], [0027], [0031] and [0042]-[0074]

Document 4: WO 2002/080195 A1 (E. I. Dupont de Nemours and Co.), 10 October 2002; page 2, lines 25-38

Document 5: WP 2003/016599 A1 (Asahi Kasei Corp.), 27 February 2003; page 9, line 46

Claim 2

The invention set forth in claim 2 involves an inventive step relative to documents 1 to 4, cited in the international search report, and document 5 above.

Documents 1 to 5 do not disclose "composite materials which include an organic semiconductor material and nanotubes, wherein the circumferences of the individual nanotubes are coated with the organic

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semiconductor material, and the percentage of nanotubes in the mixture as a cumulative percentage relative to the organic semiconductor layer as a whole is 30-90%"; and such materials could not be conceived easily by a person skilled in the art.

Claims 3-5

The inventions set forth in claims 3 to 5 involve an inventive step relative to documents 1 to 4, cited in the international search report, and document 5 above.

Documents 1 to 5 do not disclose "composite materials which include an organic semiconductor material and nanotubes, wherein the nanotubes are connected in pluralities thereof"; and such materials could not be conceived easily by a person skilled in the art.

Claims 6-14 and 24-26

The inventions set forth in claims 6 to 14 and 24 to 26 involve an inventive step relative to documents 1 to 4, cited in the international search report, and document 5 above.

Documents 1 to 5 do not disclose "composite materials which include an organic semiconductor material and nanotubes, wherein the circumferences of the individual nanotubes are coated with the organic semiconductor material, and the percentage of nanotubes in the mixture as a cumulative percentage relative to the organic semiconductor layer as a whole is 30-90%" or composite materials which include an organic semiconductor material and nanotubes, wherein the nanotubes are connected in pluralities thereof"; and such materials could not be conceived easily by a person skilled in the

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Claims 19 to 20

The inventions set forth in claims 19 to 20 are novel and involve an inventive step relative to documents 1 to 4, cited in the international search report, and document 5 above.

None of documents 1 to 5 discloses a method for producing the semiconductor layer of a field effect transistor by repeating the process of immersing nanotubes in a solution of an organic semiconductor material and filtering; and such a method is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Claims 21 to 23

The inventions set forth in claims 21 to 23 are novel and involve an inventive step relative to documents 1 to 4, cited in the international search report, and document 5 above.

None of documents 1 to 5 discloses a constitution wherein the nanotubes mixed with an organic semiconductor material to constitute the semiconductor layer of a field effect transistor are connected in pluralities thereof; and such a constitution is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Claim 28

The invention set forth in claim 28 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1, cited in the international search report, and document 5 above.

Using spraying of a solution of the material for forming a polymeric organic semiconductor material on a

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substrate is known art, as disclosed in document 5, and a person skilled in the art could easily conceive of spraying a solution of the material when carrying out the invention disclosed in document 1.